

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of ordering a part for a apparatus comprising:
monitoring electronically a condition of a replaceable part in a first
device, the replaceable part having: a first condition upon installation; at least one
intermediate condition after use; and a third condition when a replacement part is
substantially necessary;

electronically sending a signal to a second device, the signal
automatically electronically offering to purchase a replaceable part upon
identification of at least one of the first condition, second condition, and third
condition in the replaceable part; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the offering to
purchase the replaceable part.

4. (Amended) The method of **claim 3** further comprising installing the
replaceable part prior to occurrence of the third condition.

5. (Amended) The method of **claim 3** further comprising delivering the
replaceable part to the first device when monitoring indicates the condition of the
part is between about the first condition and the third condition.

9. (Amended) The method of **claim 1** wherein at least one of the first
device and the second device are interactive.

10. (Amended) The method of **claim 1** further comprising:

displaying a purchase order screen including data relating to the part automatically filled out on the purchase order screen based on an identified condition; and

sending the data electronically to a supplier of the part after personal information data is automatically entered by an application program into the purchase order screen.

14. (Amended) A method of ordering a part for an apparatus comprising:

identifying electronically a condition in an apparatus;

automatically launching an electronic communications to initiate at least one of an inquiry and an offer to purchase to a supplier based on the condition;

displaying a purchase order screen including a part number for a part automatically filled out on the purchase order screen based on the identified condition;

sending an electronic purchase order for the part; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the purchase order for the part.

15. (Amended) A method of ordering a part for a marking device comprising:

sensing a condition at a consumable part in the marking device, the marking device adapted to predict a code indicative of a threshold of a consumable;

Q4 B launching an electronic communication to access ^{URL address} ~~a computer at an address~~ defined by the condition;

sending an electronic purchase offer for a replacement for the consumable part to the electronic address defined by the condition; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the purchase offer.

17. (Amended) A method of ordering a part for an imaging apparatus comprising:

identifying electronically a condition in a consumable part, the consumable part including at least one an ink cartridge, toner cartridge, photoreceptor cartridge, paper, and printhead, the consumable part having a first condition upon installation, at least one intermediate condition after use, and a third condition when a replacement of the consumable part is substantially necessary;

as using a software and sensor system associated with the apparatus for at least one of: (a) electronic monitoring of the condition of the consumable part; (b) electronic predicting of the condition of the consumable part; and after at least one of (a) and (b); (c) automatically launching an electronic communications to initiate at least one of an inquiry and an offer to purchase a replacement for the consumable part at an occurrence or prediction of at least one of the first condition, intermediate condition, and third condition;

sending a purchase offer for a replacement for the consumable part to a URL address defined by the identified condition in the consumable part; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the purchase offer.

Please add the following claim:

21. The method of ordering a part of **claim 1** wherein the electronically sending of the signal to the second device is a wireless communication.